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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-POLISH AVIATION CONSULTATIONS

REF: (A) WARSAW 2340 (B) WARSAW 2318

- 1. BASED ON GOP ASSURANCES (REF A) THAT PAN AM WILL BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE SEVEN 727 FLIGHTS IN 1978 SEASON OVER N.Y./VIENNA/WARSAW ROUTE FROM APRIL 29 WITHOUT TRAFFIC RIGHTS ON VIENNA/WARSAW SECTOR, DEPT. WILLING POSTPONE CONSULTATIONS AS REQUESTED BY POLES.
- 2. FYI: PAN AM WILL MAKE FORMAL REQUEST TO GOP FOR SCHEDULE APPROVAL FOR N.Y./VIENNA/WARSAW ROUTE ASAP AND WILL REQUEST ON-LINE STOPOVER RIGHTS WHICH AUSTRIANS HAVE AGREED TO. END FYI. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. EMBASSY SHOULD TRANSMIT NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO GOP AND SHOULD ORALLY SUPPORT PAN AM ON-LINE STOPOVER REQUEST:

BEGIN TEXT: ...REFERS TO THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE POLISH PEOPLE'S

REPUBLIC OF JULY 19, 1972, AS EXTENDED AND AMENDED BY THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF AUGUST 26, 1976.

(PARA) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NOTES THE RECENT POLISH GOVERNMENT EXPRESSION OF APPROVAL OF THE US DESIGNATED AIRLINE'S PROPOSAL FOR DAILY FLIGHTS TO WARSAW VIA VIENNA WITHOUT TRAFFIC RIGHTS ON THE VIENNA TO WARSAW SECTOR COMMENCING APRIL 29, 1978.

(PARA) HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT POLISH GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS ON CHARTER FLIGHTS BY US AIRLINES AND REMINDS THE POLISH GOVERNMENT OF ITS DELEGATION'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING CHARTER AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN CONSULTATIONS CONCLUDED ON JUNE 18, 1976 IN WARSAW AND ITS COMMITMENT THAT CHARTER FLIGHTS SHOULD BE FACILITATED.

(PARA) SIMILARLY, WITH REGARD TO AIR FARES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS OF THE VIEW THAT COMPETITIVE FARE FILINGS BY THE US DESIGNATED AIRLINE SHOULD BE APPROVED IN A SPIRIT OR RECIPROCITY, AS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE FILINGS OF THE POLISH NATIONAL AIRLINE.

(PARA) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE POLISH GOVERNMENT'S SUGGESTION FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF THE CONCONFIDENTIAL

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SULTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3, 1978, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND REQUESTS UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AND PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF AUGUST 26, 1976, THAT CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 1978. END TEXT.

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